

SPORTS FORUM

Harassment & Abuse

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Harassment and abuse has
no place in sport

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Simone Biles: I was sexually abused by USA Gymnastics doctor Larry Nassar

- Olympic gold medalist is [latest athlete to come forward with allegations](#)
- [Why don't we care about the biggest sex abuse scandal in sports history?](#)



▲ Simone Biles made her announcement on Twitter on Monday. Photograph: Alex Livesey/Getty Images

[Simone Biles](#) is the latest athlete to say she was sexually abused by former USA Gymnastics team doctor Larry Nassar.

Biles, who lit up the Rio 2016 Olympics as she won four gold medals, described the abuse in a statement [posted on Twitter on Monday](#).

Ex-Olympic swimmer shares harrowing details of coach's alleged abuse

By Post Wire Report

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Former coach Bennell pleads guilty to six counts of child sex offences



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Members of team reviewing historic football abuse take on counselling



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Former Southampton youth coach charged with 65 child abuse offences



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Bennell charged with eight counts of historical child sexual abuse



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It's time the Offside Trust explained what they are for



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Definition of Harassment and Abuse

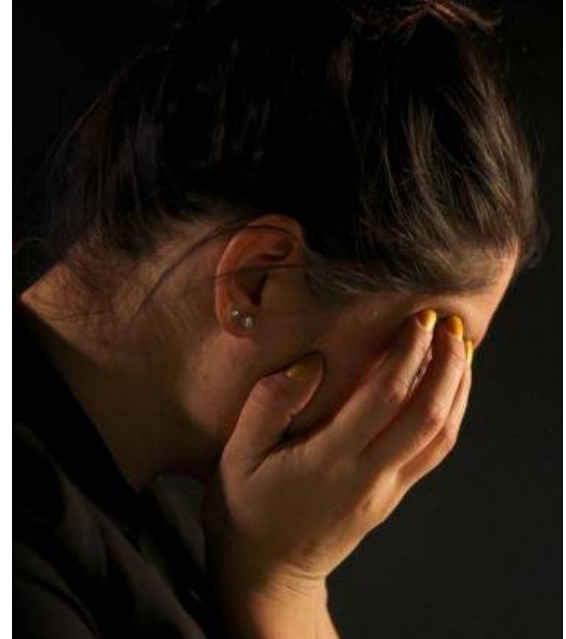
- Harassment and abuse can be expressed in 5 forms which may occur in combination or in isolation. These include

- i) Psychological abuse
- ii) Physical abuse
- iii) Sexual harassment
- iv) Sexual abuse, and
- v) Neglect.

i) Psychological abuse

Any unwelcome act, such as

- **Verbal assault**
- **Humiliation**
- **Intimidation**



ii) Physical abuse

Any deliberate and unwelcome act that causes physical trauma or injury, such as

- Punching**
- Beating**
- Kicking**

Such act can also consist of forced doping practices



iii) Sexual Harassment

Any unwanted and unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature, whether verbal, non-verbal or physical.



iv) Sexual Abuse

Any conduct of a sexual nature, whether non-contact, contact or penetrative, where consent is coerced / manipulated or is not or cannot be given.



v) Neglect

The failure of a coach or another person with a duty of care towards the athlete to provide a minimum level of care to the athlete, which is causing harm, allowing harm to be caused, or creating an imminent danger of harm.



Harassment and abuse can be based on any grounds including

- **Race**
- **Religion**
- **Ethnic origin**
- **Physical attributes**
- **Gender**
- **Sexual orientation**
- **Disability**



Harassment and abuse can be

- **A one-off incident**
- **A series of incidents**
- **In person**
- **Online**
- **Deliberate**
- **Unsolicited**

